

Rural Carrier Cost System Documentation

I. PREFACE

A. Purpose and Content

USPS-FY13-35 documents the statistical design of the Rural Carrier Cost System (RCCS). It contains documentation of the statistical design and the programs used to develop volume estimates for classes, products, and price categories of mail collected and delivered on rural routes. Also included are proportions, coefficients of variation (CVs), and confidence intervals for the estimates.

B. Predecessor Document

USPS-FY12-NP23, USPS-FY12-35, and Docket No. R2006-1, USPS-LR-L-12.

C. Corresponding Non-Public or Public Document

A nonpublic version of this document is provided as USPS-FY13-NP23.

D. Methodology

Documentation for the RCCS provided in USPS-LR-L-12, Docket No. R2006-1 included complete programs and descriptions for sample frame development and sample selection. Those programs and descriptions have incurred no substantive changes and are not reproduced herein. The estimation programs and output formats have incurred no substantive changes and are described in the RCCS System Documentation section below.

The PS Form 2848 Rural Carrier Route Mail Acceptance Data is updated for FY 2013 to include a new compensation category for Prepaid Parcels greater than 2 pounds. To make room on the form for this category, collected mail volumes for Registered and Certified Mail are now combined.

E. Input/Output

Volume estimates from the RCCS rely on no input data. Outputs from the RCCS are used as inputs to:

USPS-FY13-19	FY 2013 Delivery Costs By Shape
USPS-FY13-32	FY 2013 CRA "B" Workpapers (Public Version)
USPS-FY13-NP3	FY 2013 International Cost Segments and Components Report
USPS-FY13-NP14	FY 2013 CRA "B" Workpapers (Nonpublic Version)